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Dear Ms. Henney:

My first request is that all medically useful antibiotics be banned from Animal feed.

My husband who is otherwise healthy -- no major health problems - spent the last week of February in the hospital with pneumonia. The antibiotics had everything to do with his recovery.

Now, as of April 21, 1999 he was hospitalized with a severe case of cellulitis in his left arm. His left forearm had a large hard lump that as the day wore on got very hot. He got the dry heaves -- just could not hold his head up he was so nauseated and his fever rose to 104.2 within just hours. I took him to emergency and he has now been in the hospital another six days. That infection has been very stubborn. Is part of it because our meat is laced with so many antibiotics????

I have another gripe with our meat industry and that is all the water they add. It seems everything I buy is so wet it takes a long time just to get the water out of it. Ham is so wet it is disgusting. Chicken comes frozen to the market and if I have to freeze it again it is almost tasteless.

I am not a novice cook. I have been cooking for 70 years and I LIKE TO COOK. My family has enjoyed good meals as well as my guests. BUT, shopping for meat isn't a pleasure anymore.

Anything you can do to regulate this industry would be much appreciated. Get some flavor back in the meat.

Sincerely,

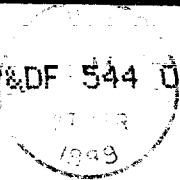
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